

PATENT

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :  
Ken'ichi OKUNO et al. :  
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For: QUALITY CONTROL AND :  
SUPPORT METHOD FOR :  
ANALYZER (As Amended) :

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Before examination of the above-identified patent application, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page two (2) of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the *Listing of Claims*, which begins on page six (6) of this paper. Claims 16-36 are pending, with claims 16, 22, 24, 30, 35 and 36 being the only independent claims.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page ten (10) of this paper and include one (1) attached replacement sheet.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page eleven (11) of this paper.